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SUBJ: INDONESIANS URGE ASEAN COOPERATION ON NARCOTICS

1. ACCORDING PRESS, GENERAL SUTOPO JUWONO (WHO HEADS INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING BOARD, OR BAKIN, AND IS RANKING NARCOTICS AFFAIRS OFFICER IN GOI) TOLD MEETING OF ASEAN LEGAL EXPERTS IN JAKARTA ON SEPTEMBER 24 THAT ASEAN COUNTRIES SHOULD COOPERATE MORE CLOSELY IN WAR AGAINST DRUG TRAFFIC AND ABUSE. SUTOPO PROPOSED THAT ASEAN MEMBERS SHOULD ENACT SIMILAR REGULATIONS WHICH COULD BECOME THE BASIS FOR JOINT ACTION. HE SAID THAT VIEWS OF ASEAN EXPERTS ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL TO GOI WHICH IS NOW IN PROCESS OF PREPARING NEW NARCOTICS LEGISLATION.

2. ALTHOUGH SUTOPO DID NOT GO INTO DETAIL

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REGARDING INDONESIAN DRAFT LAW, RELIABLE DAILY

KOMPAS REPORTS THAT IT IS BEING HANDLED BY DEFENSE DEPARTMENT (HANKAM) AND IS "ALMOST READY". BILL REPORTEDLY CONTAINS MUCH STIFFER PENALTIES (MINIMUM FIVE YEAR SENTENCE) AGAINST DRUG TRAFFICKERS THAN THOSE CURRENTLY IN FORCE. SUTOPO DID SAY THAT ONE MAJOR AIM OF BILL WOULD BE TO REDUCE NARCOTICS PROBLEM AMONG YOUTH, NOTHING THAT ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE STATISTICS 99-0/0 OF INDONESIAN "MORPHINE" ADDICTS ARE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY WILL REPORT DETAILS OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ASAP.
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